

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1104
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chief Don Claiborne of the Franklin Fire Department upon the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived and built by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition through service with fire departments, dedicating their time and talents to aiding their fellow citizens in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's fire departments and firefighters protect lives and property from the devastating effects of fire and are greatly appreciated by the concerned citizens and government officials of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is the great privilege of this General Assembly to commend and honor those brave firefighters who have committed themselves to providing safety and security for the citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such gallant Tennessean is Chief Don Claiborne, who is retiring from the Franklin Fire Department this year after twenty-four years of meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Department as a full-time firefighter in September of 1980 and quickly earned the respect and admiration of his peers; in July of 1995, he became Fire Chief and has commanded the Department with acumen and alacrity since that time; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism and ability; and

WHEREAS, Chief Claiborne exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Chief Don Claiborne of the Franklin Fire Department for his many years of service to the people of Franklin, thank him for his bravery and dedication, congratulate him on his much-deserved retirement, and wish him the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.